THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU) : (a) As per the Guidelines issued by the Government of India, Vigilance & Monitoring Committees are to be set up at the Block, District and State levels. There is no provision for constituting monitoring committees at the tehsil and circle levels. The details of the States/UTs which have not constituted the committees at the block, district and State levels or at any of these levels are as follows :

(i) No information has yet been received regarding setting up of the State Level Committees in the newly formed States of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.

(ii) In Jammu & Kashmir, there is a system of District Development Board, which reviews Rural Development Schemes.

(iii) In Karnataka, Karnataka Development Programme Review Committee has been set up at the State, District and taluka levels, which perform similar function as that of Vigilance/Monitoring Committees.

(iv) In Uttaranchal, Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have not been formed at Block level.

(v) In Daman & Diu, Vigilance & Monitoring Committee have not been formed at District and Block levels.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal under consideration. According to the Guidelines present MPs, and MLAs of the District are members of the Monitoring Committees at District and Block levels.

(d) The Government of India has been stressing time and again for setting up Vigilance and Monitoring Committees as per the Guidlines. As per informantion available, necessary orders have been issued by the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir for constitution of Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at District and Block levels.

Difference between Ministries over Annapurna Yojana

4076. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any difference of opinion between the Ministries of Food and Rural Development over the Annapurna Yojana;

(b) if so, what are the issues on which these Ministries have differences;

(c) how many senior citizens over 65 years of age are getting foodgrains under the said Yojana; and

(d) how much money the Rural Development Ministry spends on the said Yojana ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A Statement is Annexed. (*See* below).

(d) An Amount of Rs. 99.05 crores was released to the States/Union Territories during the year 2000-01. During the year 2001-02, an amount of Rs. 23.26 crores has so far been released.

Statement

Number of Senior Citizens over 65 years of age getting foodgrains

States/UTs Implementing Annapurna Scheme	No. of Beneficiaries
Andhra Pradesh	93200
Bihar	166601
Himachal Pradesh	3426
Kerala	44980
Orissa	51176
Mizoram	1000
Nagaland	2600
Rajasthan	53869
Sikkim	2411

States/UTs Implementing Annapurna Schem	No. of Beneficiaries
Tripura	11480
Uttar Pradesh	206870
Uttaranchal	12609
TOTAL :	6,50,222

Distribution of wasteland to SCs and STs

4077. SHRI RAJU PARMAR : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that crores of acres of land is lying as wasteland in the country; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to distribute this land to the landless people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA) :

(a) The total extent of Wasteland in the country including unused land is 63.85 million ha. State-wise details are given in the Statement I. (*See* below.)

(b) Land is a State subject and the distribution of Wasteland is done by State Governments/UTs depending on the availability of land. The total area of Wasteland distributed throughout the country, till March 2000, is 147.47 lakh acres. While distributing the land, the interest of the poor landless people and Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes is always kept in view by the Government. The State-wise distribution of Wasteland has been reflected in Statement II. (*See* below.)

Statement I

State-wise Wastelands in the Country

State	Area (in sq. Kms.)
1. A. P.	51750.19
2. Arunachal Pradesh	18326.25
3.. Assam	20019.17
4. Bihar	20997.55